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REVIEWS AND NOTES

UNIFORM STATISTICS OF MENTAL DISEASES IN THE UNITED STATES.

The American Medico-Psychological Association at its meeting held in New York, in May, 1917, adopted the report of its Committee on Statistics which provided for a system of uniform statistics in institutions for mental diseases, and appointed a standing Committee on Statistics to promote the introduction of the system throughout the country. This committee met in New York City on February 7, 1918, and in coöperation with the National Committee for Mental Hygiene outlined a plan of procedure.

The National Committee has established a Bureau of Uniform Statistics and has received a special gift to defray the initial expenses of the work of collecting statistics from institutions for the insane. As close relationships have always existed between the American Medico-Psychological Association and the National Committee, it was thought wise for the Bureau of Uniform Statistics of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene to have the work of introducing the new system and of collecting statistics from the institutions carried out by the Bureau.

In accordance with this arrangement, the Bureau, with the assistance of the Committee on Statistics of the American Medico-Psychological Association, has prepared this manual to assist the institutions in compiling their annual statistics and has printed a series of forms to be used in preparing statistical reports. The manual and duplicate forms will be furnished free to all coöperating institutions, and it is earnestly hoped that they will be generally adopted, so that a national system of statistics of mental diseases may become an actuality.

The manual gives instructions for the proper completion of the forms, with respect to the use of abbreviations, etc. On pages 12 to 29 a full display of the titles in the classification of mental diseases approved by the American Medico-Psychological Association is shown. A series of eighteen primary statistical tables is recommended for the systematic presentation of the data. The pamphlet is published by the Bureau of Statistics, National Committee for Mental Hygiene, 50 Union Square, New York City.

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STATISTICAL STUDY OF THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

The American Public Health Association, Vital Statistics Section, appointed a Committee on Statistical Study of the Influenza Epidemic on November 20, 1918. Under the auspices of this committee, a meeting of the state and municipal registrars in the eastern states was held at the University of Pennsylvania, Hygiene Laboratory, Philadelphia, Pa., on November 29 and 30, 1918. There were present, also, at this initial con-